

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 27 of page 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a² -- FIG. 6 illustrates a right side view of a utility basket with a single wheel to assist in the transportation of such a utility basket, in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 13 of page 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a³ -- FIG. 10 illustrates a right side view of a utility basket and a retractable door, which can be implemented in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention;

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 10 and ending at line 12 of page 10 with the following rewritten sentence:

a⁴ -- Utility basket 102 includes a back wall 108, which is disposed between a right wall 117 and a left wall 115.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 12 and ending at line 13 of page 10 with the following rewritten sentence:

a⁵ -- A bottom floor 120 is located below and connected to right wall 117, left wall 115, and back wall 108.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 26 and ending at line 27 of page 11 with the following rewritten sentence:

a⁶ -- Utility basket 402 can also include a door 404, such as a front door similar to front door 104 of FIGS. 1 to 3.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 3 and end ending at line 4 of page 12 with the following rewritten sentence:

a⁷ -- FIG. 5 depicts a right side view 500 of an alternative utility basket 502, in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 7 and ending at line 8 of page 12 with the following rewritten sentence:

a⁸ -- Wheel 513 thus comprises a right front wheel of utility basket 502.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 19 and ending at line 21 of page 12 with the following rewritten sentence:

a⁹ -- FIG. 6 illustrates a right side view 600 of a utility basket having a single wheel 604 to assist in the transportation of utility basket 602, in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 23 and ending at line 26 of page 12 with the following rewritten sentence:

a¹⁰ -- Utility basket 602 differs from the aforementioned utility baskets 102, 402 and 502 by the use of a single back wheel 605, which is located at the bottom of back wall 602 and centrally between left wall 615 and right wall 617.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 26 and end ending at line 28 of page 12 with the following rewritten sentence:

a¹¹ -- The use of back wheel 605 in association with a front door 604 can offer an additional mobility advantage when transporting utility basket 602.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 13 and ending at line 15 of page 13 with the following rewritten sentence:

a¹² -- FIG. 8 illustrates a front view 800 of the front-loading utility basket 702 of FIG. 1, wherein the front door 714 is shown partially open, in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 18 and ending at line 21 of page 13 with the following rewritten sentence:

a¹³ -- Although front door 714 is illustrated as a front door, which generally opens and closes vertically, it can be appreciated by those skilled in the art that front door 714 may be modified such that it opens and closes horizontally into left wall 715 and/or right wall 717.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 9 and ending at line 11 of page 13¹⁴ with the following rewritten sentence:

a¹⁴ -- FIG. 10 illustrates a right side view 1000 of a utility basket 1019 and a retractable front door 1014, which can be implemented in accordance with a preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 13 and ending at line 15 of page 14 with the following rewritten sentence:

a¹⁵ -- Instead, front door 1014 slides into and out of a cavity 1020 within utility basket 1019 in order to open and close, as indicated by arrow 1022.

Please replace the sentences beginning at line 15 and ending at line 18 of page 14 with the following rewritten sentences:

a¹⁶ -- Cavity 1020 can thus be formed from at least one wall of the utility basket. The front door 1014 generally slides into the cavity 1020 when the front door 1014 is moving toward an open position and out of the cavity 1020 when the front door 1014 is moving toward a closed position. Handle 1010 connected to back wall 1002 provides additional support for moving utility basket 1019, along with one or more wheels 1005.

Please replace the sentences beginning at line 13 and ending at line 21 of page 15 with the following rewritten sentences:

a¹⁷ -- An example of an extendable handle that may be implemented in accordance with the present invention is the pop-up mechanism described in U.S. Patent No. 5,987,701, "Pop-Up Mechanism For an Extendable Handle On A Wheeled Luggage Case" which issued to Kuo on November 23, 1999. Those skilled in the art can appreciate, however, that other extendable handle configurations may be implemented in accordance with the present invention and that the specific handle configuration illustrated and disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,987,701 is not considered a limiting feature of the present invention, but is discussed herein for general background and illustrative purposes only.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 23 and ending at line 25 of page 15 with the following rewritten sentence:

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a -- FIG. 13 depicts a utility basket 1300, such as shown in FIGS. 7 and 8, wherein a locking mechanism 1315 is incorporated into a door 1305.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 25 and ending at line 27 of page 15 with the following rewritten sentence:

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a -- The locking mechanism 1315 can include spring-loaded latches and associated hardware integrated near the top of the door 1305 having a handle 1303 as shown in FIG. 13.

Please replace the sentence beginning at line 14 and ending at line 15 of page 16 with the following rewritten sentence:

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a -- The use of hardware as suggested herein is well known in the mechanical arts and should be appreciated given the present teachings.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please find enclosed herewith a set of formal drawings (9 sheets), which reflect the revisions to the specification, as outlined herein. The Applicant hereby requests acceptance of these formal drawings by the Office.

REMARKS

The amendments to the specification described herein are submitted to more accurately characterize Applicant's invention. Such amendments to the specification are